

Ch-151A
Westwood Manor Tenant House
Newport
Private

1880's

This small, one story frame house consisted of one room downstairs, and another up. Its interesting frame construction reflects the transition from the traditional post and beam frames to the newer balloon frames that became the dominant type for tenant houses in the last decades of the 19th century.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Westwood Manor, Tenant House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER South side of Budd's Creek Rd. (MD 234)

CITY, TOWN Newport

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 4

STATE Md.

COUNTY Charles

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER Abandoned

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Walter W. Bowling

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN Newport

☐ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code md.

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Charles County Courthouse

Liber #: 275

Folio #: 110

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN La Plata

STATE Md.

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE None

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION**CONDITION**☐ EXCELLENT☐ GOOD☒ FAIR☐ DETERIORATED☐ RUINS☐ UNEXPOSED**CHECK ONE**☐ UNALTERED☒ ALTERED**CHECK ONE**☒ ORIGINAL SITE☐ MOVED

DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This one story, small house stands atop a hill about 150 yards east of the main house and was one of a series of houses that were similar in size that ^{once} stood on this hill. They were not in a straight row, however, like slave houses on some large plantations, but were staggered about in position on the hill top. This house is now abandoned, and is gradually deteriorating. The others are gone.

The house faces south, with its roof line running east-west. The facade and rear length consist of one bay, as does the width. The frame is sheathed by unpainted weatherboards and is capped by a gable roof that was originally covered with wood shingles and now with tin. Trim boards accent the corners. The frame itself rests ^{on} debarked log posts. The framing members consist of large hewn sills, posts, and plates, while the studs are cut by a circular saw. Interestingly enough, the studs are toed into place and attached with a mixture of cut and wire nails along the bottom, but are joined by mortice, tenon, and peg systems into the plates above. Perhaps this is because the greatest ^{tension} was thought to be at the top, whereas the weight of the house acted to reinforce the joints at the bottom of the frame.

The interior consisted of one room down, and one up. The room downstairs was warmed by a large fireplace in the east gable end; the chimney ^{has} collapsed. Tongue and groove siding lined

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD

☐ PREHISTORIC
☐ 1400-1499
☐ 1500-1599
☐ 1600-1699
☐ 1700-1799
☒ 1800-1899
☐ 1900-

☐ ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC
☐ ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC
☐ AGRICULTURE
☒ ARCHITECTURE
☐ ART
☐ COMMERCE
☐ COMMUNICATIONS

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

☐ COMMUNITY PLANNING
☐ CONSERVATION
☐ ECONOMICS
☐ EDUCATION
☐ ENGINEERING
☐ EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT
☐ INDUSTRY
☐ INVENTION

☐ LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE
☐ LAW
☐ LITERATURE
☐ MILITARY
☐ MUSIC
☐ PHILOSOPHY
☐ POLITICS/GOVERNMENT

☐ RELIGION
☐ SCIENCE
☐ SCULPTURE
☒ SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
☐ THEATER
☐ TRANSPORTATION
☒ OTHER (SPECIFY)

Black and Local History

SPECIFIC DATES c. 1880's

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house was built as a dwelling ^afor tenant farming family. Its size and design reveal the continuation of the traditional forms, while its frame construction is an interesting marriage of the old and the new. Indeed, this house stands as an example of the transition from the post and beam frame house to the balloon frame dwellings of the late 19th century, the latter form becoming the dominant type until it was replaced by the completely synthetic "mobile home" or "pre-fab" house in the 3rd quarter of the 20th century.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

George W. MCDaniel, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Md. Commission on Afro-American History and Culture

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

20 Dean St.

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Md.

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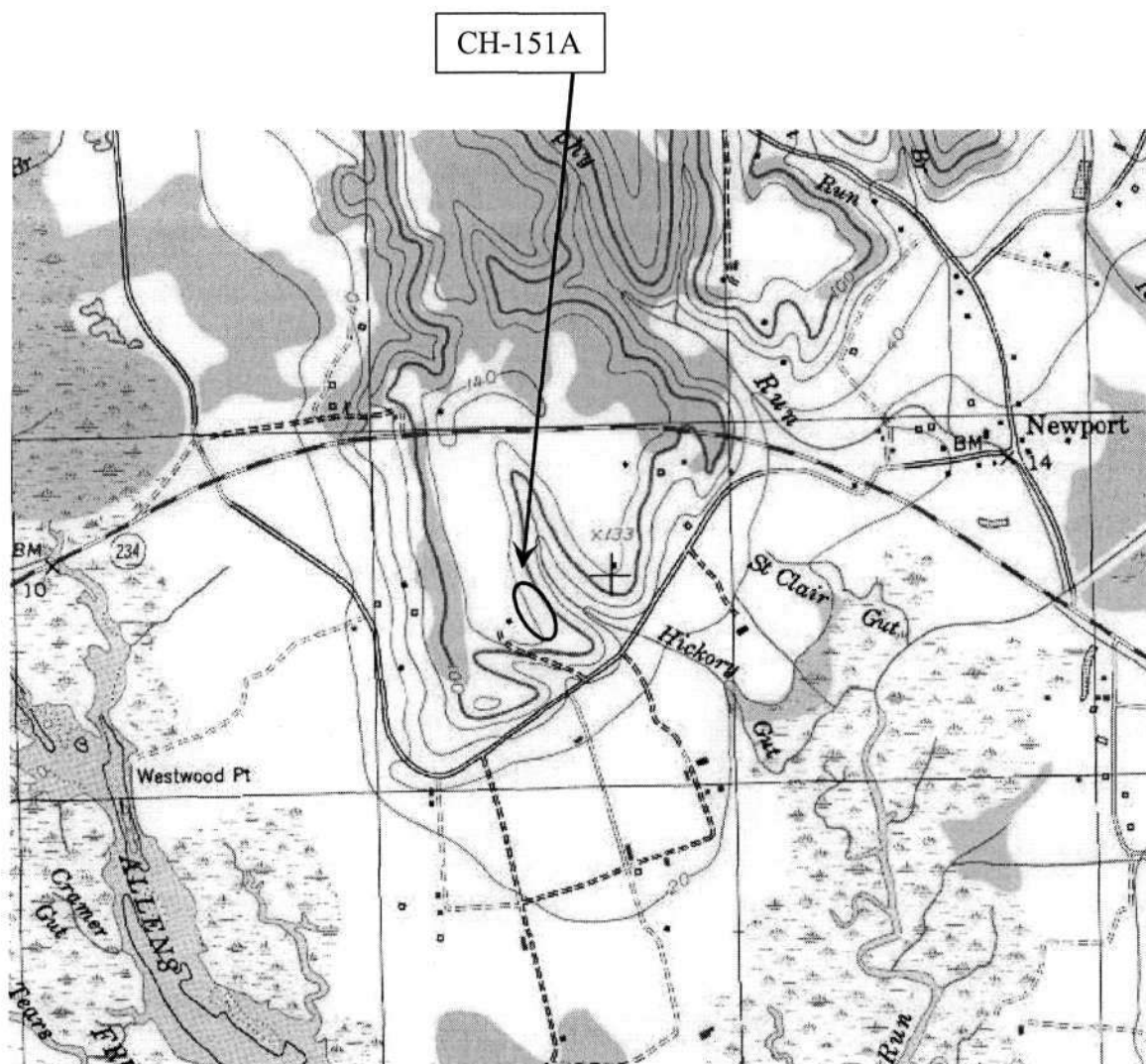
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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

CONTINUATION OF THE PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF THE WESTWOOD
MANOR TENANT HOUSE:

the interior walls. There were no decorative fixtures in the structure itself. A boxed staircase of re-used beaded boards ascended the northwest corner. In the upstairs, the rafters were exposed, were hewn, and were half-lapped and attached by cut nails. They were reinforced by collars that were half-lapped too.

Along one of the joists downstairs was attached a short section of a tree branch, from which extended at a 30° angle another smaller branch. There were two of these about three feet apart. They were a simple form of rack. This feature is seen in many folk houses in Maryland, and has been seen in houses of low-income farmers in places by this surveyor as far away as Outer Hebrides Islands off the the northwest coast of Scotland, indicating a common response among diverse people to shared problems, which is to use materials available from nature in a common sensical manner.

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Newport Vicinity
Port Tobacco Quad.
Charles County





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SOUTH ELEVATION

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Newport, Md.

Southeast Elevation

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Newport, Md.
Detail of Leaming,
S.E. Elevation